MIRDHA) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a Cadre Review Committee for carrying out the Cadre reviews of Group 'B' 'C' and 'D' employees including Pharmacists working in the C.G.H.S. has been constituted. Action on the recommendations of the Committee is in progress. It is not possible to give exact date by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented as it required consultation with different Ministries/Departments.

Strike notice served by C.G.H.S. Pharmacists Association

3095. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the C.G.H.S. Pharmacists' Association of India staged a Dharna on 21st February, 1989 at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet their outstanding demands?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Their demands are under consideration in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments.

Racket in sale of Human Organs

3096. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the racket in the sale of human Organs throughout the country and if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) what is the estimated turnover in this sale, annually and steps Government have taken/proposed to take in the matter to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Government have come across reports alleging trading in live human organs in the country. However no definite information is available about the extent of this trading and the institutions or individuals involved in such operations. With a view to curtailing the trading in human organs, Government is actively considering the enactment of a legislation on organ Transplantation.

Agreement between UNICEF-HTA for Health Education programmes in India

3097. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that UNICEF has entered in a contract with the Hindustan Thomson Associates, a London based advertising giant for Health Education Programmes in India and if so, the details thereof?

(b) whether Government are aware that HTA is one of the main promotor of Cigarettes and other products mainly produced by giant MNC's ; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) According to information made available to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by office of UNICEF for South Asia region, UNICEF have

been in touch with several advertising agencies including HTA for the promotion of Immunization activities According to available information HTA is a fully Indian Company owned by its employees.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not gone into the question of other products promoted by the particular advertising company.

Presence of Bacteria in Chilka Lake

3098. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a recent study conducted in the Chilka lake by certain Professors of the Chemistry Department of the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, has shown the presence of clusters of bacteria in the lake water posing serious threat to the Indian naval vessels at the training centre ; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to check the acceleration in the biological corrosion in Chilka lake water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) The presence of micro-organisms is a normal feature in tropical waters, against which protective measures are taken. The Ravenshaw College have not forwarded the results of its study to the Navy.

Smuggling of electronic goods from Sri Lanka by Defence personnel

3099. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence inquiries were held sometime back by 54 Infantary Division of Kankesanthurai and the other by IAF authorities at Tambaram into the alleged smuggling of electronic goods from Sri Lanka by the Defence Personnel ; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the ranks of the officers involved in the smuggling of electronic goods from Sri Lanka and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) Enquiries against certain Army and Air Force officers, upto the rank of Major and Wing Commander respectively, were initiated. The enquiries have been completed against the majority of the offenders and appropriate disciplinary action has been taken against them.

Procurement of the book entitled "Defenders of Pakistan"

3100. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new Pakistani publications about the country's armed forces—"defenders of Pakistan" and another on the official history of Pakistan's Air Force revealing new defence data ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTA MANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the books "Defenders of Pakistan" and "The History of Pakistan Air Force"